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The mineral oil industry of the Russian Zone is concentrated in the VVB Kohlenwertstoffe with headquarters in Halle. It consists of the following publicly owned plants:

Mineralölwerk Lützkendorf, refines petroleum received from Zisterndorf, Austria. It employs 5,000 men. Planned production based on full capacity is 35,000 tons of crude oil and 45,000 tons of residue per year. Repair work is proceeding with 2,500 workers. The plant chief is Dr. Hugo Eckardt who is reported to be an SPD sympathizer despite his membership in the SED and citation as an activist.

Mineralölwerk Herrenleite, also refines Zisterndorf petroleum. It employs 300 workers and will probably be closed down soon since Lützkendorf is fully capable of handling full production. Both Herrenleite and Lützkendorf operate at a loss and are sustained by large state subsidies.

Chemische Fabrik, Dessau, refines ceresine received from Lützkendorf. It employs 150 men and has a capacity of 150 tons per month. Its production includes basic material for salves, insulation for electric cable, and catalysts for the rubber goods industry. It makes large deliveries to the people's democracies, especially Poland.

Vaucea, Brandenburg, employs 100 men in the production of lubricants.

Chemische Fabrik, Freital, belongs to the Rhenania-Ossag group which is owned by foreign capital. At present the DWK is attempting to negotiate some kind of settlement. It employs 50 men, produces vaseline.

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Montanwachsfabrik, Völpe, employs 150 men and is working at 50% of capacity. From 1945-1948 its entire production of montan wax was shipped to the USSR unrefined for use as packing material in the explosives industry. Since January 1949 the SMA has released 500-600 tons monthly for bleaching but most of the bleached wax has been delivered as reparations.

Fabrik für Teerprodukte, Bösdorf, employs 200 men in the production of paraffin from lignite tar.

Mineralölraffinerie, Nordhausen, reclaims used oil of all kinds including that used by the occupation forces.

Reindestillation und Chemische Fabrik, Erkner, employs 150 men. It produces solvents, toluol, phenol, naphthalin, tar, etc.

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